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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

14 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

15 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

16 } Criminal Case No. 08CR1281-W

17 v. Plaintiff,

18 } **UNITED STATES' RESPONSE AND**
19 } **OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS:**

20 ARMANDO ARAMBURO-URIBE,

21 } **(1) TO COMPEL DISCOVERY/PRESERVE**
22 } **EVIDENCE;**

23 Defendants.

24 } **(2) SUPPRESS EVIDENCE UNDER THE**
25 } **FOURTH AMENDMENT;**

26 } **(3) SUPPRESS STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO**
27 } **THE FIFTH AMENDMENT AND COMPEL AND**
28 } **EVIDENTIARY HEARING; AND**

1 Date: July 1, 2008
2 Time: 2 p.m.
3 Honorable: Thomas J. Whelan

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1 COMES NOW the plaintiff, United States of America, by and through its counsel, Karen P.
2 Hewitt, United States Attorney, and Steven De Salvo, Assistant United States Attorney, and hereby files
3 its Response and Opposition to Armando Aramburo-Uribe's motions to compel discovery, suppress
4 evidence and statements, and motion for leave to file further motions. This Response and Opposition
5 is based upon the files and records of the case together with the attached statement of facts and
6 memorandum of points and authorities.

7 **I**

8 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

9 The following facts are from the Probable Cause Statement, attached hereto as Exhibit A:

10 On February 20, 2008, at approximately 1 p.m., Customs and Border Protection Officer
11 Gerardo Ballesteros ("Ballesteros") was monitoring southbound pedestrian traffic at the Westside
12 Pedestrian Gate Area ("WPGA"). Ballesteros observed Armando Aramburo-Uribe ("Defendant") step
13 into the line at the turnstiles at the pedestrian exit at the U.S./Mexico border. While standing in line,
14 Defendant apparently saw law enforcement officers at that location; he then exited the line and headed
15 northbound, away from the border.

16 Ballesteros immediately contacted Defendant. When asked why he had stepped out of line,
17 Defendant stated that he had forgotten his cell phone at the Nike store in San Ysidro. Defendant told
18 Ballesteros that he had intended to enter Mexico. Ballesteros asked Defendant if he was carrying any
19 money into Mexico, and Defendant replied that he was not. Defendant consented to a search. When
20 asked to empty his pockets, Defendant produced the contents of his pockets, including several stacks of
21 paper. CBPO saw that among the stacks of paper were blank money orders totaling \$12,000. Asked if
22 he knew of the currency reporting requirement for sums greater than \$10,000, Defendant admitted
23 knowing of this requirement. Defendant was referred to the secondary inspection area. At the secondary
24 area, the officers then searched a white Nike store bag in Defendant's possession. The bag contained
25 \$22,758 USD in cash. Defendant stated the funds were proceeds of personal used car sales he had
26 recently completed in the United States. Defendant could not provide any records, receipts, bills of sale
27 or invoices in support, and did not know the exact location in which the sales had taken place.

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UNITED STATES' RESPONSE AND OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS

A. DEFENDANT HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH ALL DISCOVERY

Defendant has moved to compel discovery and to preserve evidence. The United States has provided all written discovery to Defendants. As to the specific discovery and evidentiary requests of Defendant, the Government responds as follows:

1. The Government Will Disclose Information Subject To Disclosure Under Rule 16(a)(1)(A) and (B) Of The Federal Rules Of Criminal Procedure

9 The government has disclosed Defendant's statements subject to discovery under Fed. R. Crim.
10 P. 16(a)(1)(A) (substance of defendant's oral statements *in response to government interrogation*) and
11 16(a)(1)(B) (defendant's relevant written or recorded statements, written records containing substance
12 of defendant's oral statements *in response to government interrogation*, and defendant's grand jury
13 testimony).

2. Surveillance Tapes

15 Defendant has requested that law enforcement agents provide copies of the surveillance tapes
16 at the WPGA, where Defendant was initially searched, and the former Imperial Beach Border Patrol
17 Station where he was further questioned. The United States Attorney's Office has inquired into whether
18 any such tapes exist. The law enforcement agency has informed the United States Attorney's Office that
19 the area where Defendant was arrested is unlikely to have been recorded by surveillance tapes and, in
20 any event, such tapes typically are kept for only 30 days. Because Defendant's request for tapes was not
21 made until May 5, 2008 – 75 days after Defendant's arrest – such tapes no longer exist.

3. The Government Will Comply With Rule 16(a)(1)(D)

23 The defendant has been provided with his or her own "rap" sheet and the government will
24 produce any additional information it uncovers regarding defendant's criminal record. Any subsequent
25 or prior similar acts of defendant that the government intends to introduce under Rule 404(b) of the
26 Federal Rules of Evidence will be provided, along with any accompanying reports, at the reasonable time
27 in advance of trial.

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1 4. The Government Will Comply With Rule 16(a)(1)(E)

2 The government will permit defendant to inspect and copy or photograph all books, papers,
3 documents, data, photographs, tangible objects, buildings or places, or portions thereof, that are material
4 to the preparation of defendant's defense or are intended for use by the government as evidence-in-chief
5 at trial or were obtained from or belong to defendant.

6 Reasonable efforts will be made to preserve relevant physical evidence which is in the custody
7 and control of the investigating agency and the prosecution, with the following exceptions: drug
8 evidence, with the exception of a representative sample, is routinely destroyed after 60 days, and vehicles
9 are routinely and periodically sold at auction. Records of radio transmissions, if they existed, are
10 frequently kept for only a short period of time and may no longer be available. Counsel should contact
11 the Assistant assigned to the case two weeks before the scheduled trial date and the Assistant will make
12 arrangements with the case agent for counsel to view all evidence within the government's possession..

13 5. The Government Will Comply With Rule 16(a)(1)(F)

14 The government will permit defendant to inspect and copy or photograph any results or reports
15 of physical or mental examinations, and of scientific tests or experiments, or copies thereof, that are
16 within the possession of the government, and by the exercise of due diligence may become known to the
17 attorney for the government and are material to the preparation of the defense or are intended for use by
18 the government as evidence-in-chief at the trial. Counsel for defendant should contact the Assistant
19 United States Attorney assigned to the case and the Assistant will make arrangements with the case agent
20 for counsel to view all evidence within the government's possession.

21 6. The Government Will Comply With Its Obligations Under Brady v. Maryland

22 The government is well aware of and will fully perform its duty under Brady v. Maryland, 373
23 U.S. 83 (1963) and United States v. Agurs, 427 U.S. 97 (1976) to disclose exculpatory evidence within
24 its possession that is material to the issue of guilt or punishment. Defendant, however, is not entitled
25 to all evidence known or believed to exist that is, or may be, favorable to the accused, or that pertains
26 to the credibility of the government's case. As stated in United States v. Gardner, 611 F.2d 770 (9th Cir.
27 1980), it must be noted that:

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1 [T]he prosecution does not have a constitutional duty to disclose every bit of information
 2 that might affect the jury's decision; it need only disclose information favorable to the
 defense that meets the appropriate standard of materiality.

3 611 F.2d at 774-775 (citations omitted). See also United States v. Sukumolachan, 610 F.2d 685, 687
 4 (9th Cir. 1980) (the government is not required to create exculpatory material that does not exist); United
 5 States v. Flores, 540 F.2d 432, 438 (9th Cir. 1976) (Brady does not create any pretrial privileges not
 6 contained in the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure).

7 7. Discovery Regarding Government Witnesses

8 Agreements. The Government will disclose the terms of any agreements by Government agents,
 9 employees or attorneys with witnesses that testify at trial. Such information will be provided at the time
 10 of the filing of the Government's trial memorandum.^{1/} The Government will comply with its obligations
 11 to disclose impeachment evidence under Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150 (1972).

12 Bias or Prejudice. The Government will provide information related to the bias, prejudice or
 13 other motivation to lie of Government trial witnesses as required in Napue v. Illinois, 360 U.S. 264
 14 (1959).

15 Criminal Convictions. The Government has produced or will produce any criminal convictions
 16 of Government witnesses plus any material criminal acts which did not result in conviction. The
 17 Government is not aware that any prospective witness is under criminal investigation.

18 Ability to Perceive. The government will produce in discovery any evidence that the ability of
 19 a government trial witness to perceive, communicate or tell the truth is impaired or that such witnesses
 20 have ever used narcotics or other controlled substances, or are alcoholics.

21 Witness List. The Government will endeavor to provide the defendant with a list of all witnesses
 22 which it intends to call in its case-in-chief at the time the Government's trial memorandum is filed,
 23 although delivery of such a list is not required. See United States v. Dischner, 960 F.2d 870 (9th Cir.
 24 1992); United States v. Culter, 806 F.2d 933, 936 (9th Cir. 1986); United States v. Mills, 810 F.2d 907,

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 26 1/ As with all other offers by the Government to produce discovery earlier than it is required to do,
 27 the offer is made without prejudice. If, as trial approaches, the Government is not prepared to
 28 make early discovery production, or if there is a strategic reason not to do so as to certain
 discovery, the Government reserves the right to withhold the requested material until the time it is
 required to be produced pursuant to discovery laws and rules.

1 910 (9th Cir. 1987). Defendant, however, is not entitled to the production of addresses or phone
 2 numbers of possible Government witnesses. See United States v. Thompson, 493 F.2d 305, 309 (9th
 3 Cir. 1977), cert. denied, 419 U.S. 834 (1974). The defendant has already received access to the names
 4 of potential witnesses in this case in the investigative reports previously provided to him.

5 Witnesses Not to Be Called. The Government is not required to disclose all evidence it has or
 6 to make an accounting to the defendant of the investigative work it has performed. Moore v. Illinois,
 7 408 U.S. 786, 795 (1972); see United States v. Gardner, 611 F.2d 770, 774-775 (9th Cir. 1980).
 8 Accordingly, the Government objects to defendant's request for discovery concerning any individuals
 9 whom the Government does not intend to call as witnesses.

10 Favorable Statements. The Government has disclosed or will disclose the names of witnesses,
 11 if any, who have made favorable statements concerning the defendant which meet the requirements of
 12 Brady.

13 Review of Personnel Files. The Government has requested a review of the personnel files of all
 14 federal law enforcement individuals who will be called as witnesses in this case for Brady material. The
 15 Government has requested that counsel for the appropriate federal law enforcement agency conduct such
 16 review. United States v. Herring, 83 F.3d 1120 (9th Cir. 1996); see, also, United States v. Jennings, 960
 17 F.2d 1488, 1492 (9th Cir. 1992); United States v. Dominguez-Villa, 954 F.2d 562 (9th Cir. 1992).

18 Pursuant to United States v. Henthorn, 931 F.2d 29 (9th Cir. 1991) and United States v. Cadet,
 19 727 F.2d 1452 (9th Cir. 1984), the United States agrees to "disclose information favorable to the defense
 20 that meets the appropriate standard of materiality . . ." United States v. Cadet, 727 F.2d at 1467, 1468.
 21 Further, if counsel for the United States is uncertain about the materiality of the information within its
 22 possession in such personnel files, the information will be submitted to the Court for in camera
 23 inspection and review.

24 Government Witness Statements. Production of witness statements is governed by the Jencks
 25 Act (Title 18, United States Code, Section 3500) and need occur only after the witness testifies on direct
 26 examination. United States v. Taylor , 802 F.2d 1108, 1118 (9th Cir. 1986); United States v. Mills,
 27 641 F.2d 785, 790 (9th Cir. 1981)). Indeed, even material believed to be exculpatory and therefore
 28 subject to disclosure under the Brady doctrine, if contained in a witness statement subject to the Jencks

1 Act, need not be revealed until such time as the witness statement is disclosed under the Act. See United
 2 States v. Bernard, 623 F.2d 551, 556-57 (9th Cir. 1979).

3 The government reserves the right to withhold the statements of any particular witnesses it deems
 4 necessary until after the witness testifies. Otherwise, the government will disclose the statements of
 5 witnesses at the time of the filing of the government's trial memorandum before trial, provided that
 6 defense counsel has complied with defendant's obligations under Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure
 7 12.1, 12.2, and 16 and 26.2 and provided that defense counsel turn over all "reverse Jencks" statements
 8 at that time.

9 8. The Government Objects To The Full Production Of Agents' Handwritten
 10 Notes At This Time

11 Although the government has no objection to the preservation of agents' handwritten notes, it
 12 objects to requests for full production for immediate examination and inspection. If certain rough notes
 13 become relevant during any evidentiary proceeding, those notes will be made available.

14 Prior production of these notes is not necessary because they are not "statements" within the
 15 meaning of the Jencks Act unless they comprise both a substantially verbatim narrative of a witness'
 16 assertions and they have been approved or adopted by the witness. United States v. Spencer, 618 F.2d
 17 605, 606-607 (9th Cir. 1980); see also United States v. Griffin, 659 F.2d 932, 936-938 (9th Cir. 1981).

18 9. All Investigatory Notes and Arrest Reports

19 The government objects to the defendant's request for production of all arrest reports,
 20 investigator's notes, memos from arresting officers, and prosecution reports pertaining to the defendant.
 21 Such reports, except to the extent that they include Brady material or the statements of defendant, are
 22 protected from discovery by Rule 16(a)(2) as "reports . . . made by . . . Government agents in connection
 23 with the investigation or prosecution of the case."

24 Although agents' reports have already been produced to the defense, the government is not
 25 required to produce such reports, except to the extent they contain Brady or other such material.
 26 Furthermore, the government is not required to disclose all evidence it has or to render an accounting
 27 to defendant of the investigative work it has performed. Moore v. Illinois, 408 U.S. 786, 795 (1972);
 28 see United States v. Gardner, 611 F.2d 770, 774-775 (9th Cir. 1980).

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1 10. Expert Witnesses.

2 Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(G), at or about the time of filing its trial memorandum, the
 3 Government will provide the defense with notice of any expert witnesses the testimony of whom the
 4 Government intends to use under Rules 702, 703, or 705 of the Fed. R. of Evidence in its case-in-chief.
 5 Such notice will describe the witnesses' opinions, the bases and the reasons therefor, and the witnesses'
 6 qualifications. Reciprocally, the Government requests that the defense provide notice of its expert
 7 witnesses pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(b)(1)(C).

8 11. Information Which May Result in Lower Sentence.

9 Defendant claims that the Government must disclose information about any cooperation or any
 10 attempted cooperation with the Government as well as any other information affecting defendant's
 11 sentencing guidelines because such information is discoverable under Brady v. Maryland. The
 12 Government respectfully contends that it has no such disclosure obligations under Brady.

13 The Government is not obliged under Brady to furnish a defendant with information which he
 14 already knows. United States v. Taylor, 802 F.2d 1108, 1118 n.5 (9th Cir. 1986), cert. denied, 479 U.S.
 15 1094 (1987); United States v. Prior, 546 F.2d 1254, 1259 (5th Cir. 1977). Brady is a rule of disclosure.
 16 There can be no violation of Brady if the evidence is already known to the defendant. Assuming that
 17 defendant did not already possess the information about factors which might affect their respective
 18 guideline ranges, the Government would not be required to provide information bearing on defendant's
 19 mitigation of punishment until after defendant's conviction or plea of guilty and prior to his sentencing
 20 date. "No [Brady] violation occurs if the evidence is disclosed to the defendant at a time when the
 21 disclosure remains of value." United States v. Juvenile Male, 864 F.2d 641 (9th Cir. 1988).

22 **B. DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SUPPRESS UNDER THE FOURTH AMENDMENT
 23 SHOULD BE DENIED**

24 1. No Degree of Suspicion or Probable Cause Is Required for Routine Border Searches

25 It is well-settled that routine searches at a United States international border require no objective
 26 justification, probable cause, or warrant. See, e.g., United States v. Montoya de Hernandez, 473 U.S.
 27 531, 538 (1985). "That searches made at the border, pursuant to the long-standing right of the sovereign
 28 to protect itself by stopping and examining persons and property crossing into this country, are
 reasonable simply by virtue of the fact that they occur at the border, should, by now, require no extended

1 demonstration." United States v. Ramsey, 431 U.S. 606, 616 (1977). "Routine searches of the persons
 2 and effects of entrants are not subject to any requirement of reasonable suspicion, probable cause, or
 3 warrant." Montoya de Hernandez, 473 U.S. at 538. No level of suspicion is required for a border
 4 search, and even random searches are constitutional. United States v. Sandoval Vargas, 854 F.2d 1132,
 5 1133-34 (9th Cir. 1988).

6 Such routine searches apply to a person's baggage, vehicle, purse, wallet, or pockets. Henderson
 7 v. United States, 390 F.2d 805, 808 (9th Cir. 1967). Only when there is an extended detention and
 8 intrusive "non-routine" search of the defendant's person (i.e., x-ray, strip, or body cavity searches) is the
 9 "border search" exception to the Fourth Amendment inapplicable. Id. Here, because the search of
 10 Defendant's pockets was routine in nature and reasonable, the border exception to the Fourth
 11 Amendment clearly applies and no level of any suspicion was required for the stop and search.

12 Moreover, while the stop and search did not occur precisely at the U.S.-Mexico border but just
 13 short of it, Ninth Circuit case law nevertheless clearly establishes that the border search exception
 14 extends to the WPGA area where Defendant was stopped and searched, because this area is the
 15 "functional equivalent" of the border. See United States v. Duncan, 693 F.2d 971, 977 (9th Cir. 1982)
 16 (boarding ramp at airport was "functional equivalent" of border and therefore border search exception
 17 to Fourth Amendment applied). Here, involving facts sufficiently analogous to Duncan for the
 18 "functional equivalent" doctrine to apply, Defendant walked toward the pedestrian turnstiles at the
 19 border entry. See id. ("[I]t is unreasonable to expect that persons can be searched at the exact moment
 20 they cross an international border.")

21 2. Defendant's Act of Turning Around and Heading Northward Was Not Exculpatory

22 Defendant argues that his act of turning around before he reached the turnstiles and then walking
 23 northbound does not establish "reasonable suspicion" for the stop or probable cause for his arrest.
 24 Defendant's Brief, at 12-13. Against all common sense, Defendant appears to argue that his attempt to
 25 flee from the pedestrian exit lane somehow precluded officers from performing a valid border search.
 26 As explained above, due to the proximity to the border, no suspicion or probable cause was required to
 27 stop or arrest Defendant. All that is required, to pass Constitutional muster, is a showing that the stop
 28 and arrest occurred at the border or its "functional equivalent." See Ramsey, 431 U.S. at 616. Here, the

1 stop and arrest of Defendant was at the border. Defendant approached the turnstiles – and manifested
 2 his *intent* to cross the border – even if he did not actually cross the border. See United States v. One
 3 Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Forty-Three Dollars In United States, 792 F.2d 1470, 1476 (9th Cir.
 4 1986) (forfeiture under Section 5316 was justified where Defendant stood on jetway at airport but did
 5 not actually cross international border, because there is “reasonable proximity both in space and time
 6 to the physical point of departure coupled with a manifest intention to leave the country.”) The fact that
 7 Defendant apparently changed his mind and turned around is not exculpatory, because he had already
 8 manifested his intent to leave the country. Cf. United States v. Ortiz-Loya, 777 F.2d 973, 980 (5th Cir.
 9 1985) (upholding conviction for attempted exportation of firearms where Defendant placed firearms in
 10 his vehicle and drove car to the port of entry, but then placed car in reverse when he saw officers
 11 approaching). Indeed, his act of turning around was reasonably viewed by the officers as a suspicious
 12 attempt to evade a border search. Moreover, during the subsequent investigatory detention of Defendant,
 13 he denied having monetary instruments – which the officer discovered was a lie, because \$12,000 in
 14 money orders were found in Defendant’s pockets. Defendant then admitted that he had intended not to
 15 report the funds at the border. These facts alone (apart from the additional \$22,758 in currency found
 16 in Defendant’s bag) were sufficient to establish the legality of the arrest.

17 Defendant’s reliance on United States v. Oglivie, 527 F.2d 330, 331 (9th Cir. 1975), is
 18 misplaced. That case involved a roving patrol; it did not involve the border or its equivalence. The
 19 Oglivie court made the unremarkable conclusion that a turnaround near an interior checkpoint, by itself,
 20 could not establish “reasonable suspicion.” See United States v. Montero-Camargo, 208 F.3d 1122,
 21 1137 (9th Cir. 2000). Accordingly, as a case that did not involve the “border search” exception to the
 22 Fourth Amendment, Oglivie is irrelevant to the analysis here.

23 **C. DEFENDANT’S MOTION TO SUPPRESS STATEMENTS UNDER THE FIFTH
 24 AMENDMENT SHOULD BE DENIED**

25 Miranda warnings must be administered only when two factors are present: (1) the suspect is
 26 in custody; and (2) the suspect is subjected to police interrogation. Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436,
 27 477-78 (1966). The Supreme Court cautioned therein that its rule was “not intended to hamper the
 28 traditional function of police officers in investigating crime.” Id. at 477 (citation omitted). “A defendant
 is in custody when, based upon a review of all the pertinent facts, ‘a reasonable innocent person in such

1 circumstances would conclude that after brief questioning he or she would not be free to leave.”” United
 2 States v. Wauneka, 770 F.2d 1434, 1438 (9th Cir. 1985) (emphasis added).

3 To determine whether a suspect is in custody, courts must examine the objective circumstances
 4 of the situation, not the subjective views of the interrogator or the person being questioned. Stansbury
 5 v. California, 511 U.S. 318, 323 (1994) (per curiam). Specifically, courts must determine “whether there
 6 was a formal arrest or restraint on freedom of movement of the degree associated with a formal arrest.”
 7 Id. at 322 (citation omitted). Thus, persons subjected to brief investigatory detentions are not entitled
 8 to Miranda warnings. See, e.g., United States v. Woods, 720 F.2d 1022, 1029 (9th Cir. 1983).

9 During a temporary detention, the officer may ask the individual questions which are limited
 10 to the purpose of the stop in order to verify or dispel his suspicion. Id.; see also Penn. v. Muniz, 496
 11 U.S. 582, 601-04 (1990) (even if incriminating, answers elicited prior to Miranda warnings during
 12 procedures “necessarily attendant to the police procedure [are] held by the court to be legitimate” and
 13 admissible). The fact that an individual may be the “focus” of a criminal investigation when questioned
 14 by the police does not compel the provision of Miranda warnings in an otherwise non-custodial setting.
 15 Beckwith v. United States, 425 U.S. 341, 347 (1976). Moreover, it is well-established that handcuffing
 16 a defendant (and other intrusive measures) does not necessarily render a Terry investigatory stop an
 17 arrest requiring the advisal of Miranda rights.

18 Application of the totality-of-facts test in this case yields only one result: Defendant was not in
 19 custody for Miranda purposes. As established in the Probable Cause Statement, Defendant was detained
 20 in the secondary inspection area, and questioned about the money orders and currency. According to
 21 the Probable Cause Statement, the questions appear to have been strictly investigative, not interrogatory,
 22 in nature. Defendant contends that the officer at secondary told him that he was “going to lose his visa”
 23 – but that allegation is contained in a brief, not a sworn statement. There is no evidence that he was
 24 confronted with any evidence of guilt. There is no evidence that he was handcuffed. There is no
 25 evidence that any force was used against him. Defendant only alleges that he was “physically escorted.”
 26 Defendant’s Brief, at 13. There is no allegation by Defendant that the secondary office transformed the
 27 detention into the functional equivalence of an arrest. As a result, no Miranda advisal was necessary.

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1 2. Defendant Is Not Entitled to An Evidentiary Hearing In Absence of Declaration

2 Defendant alternatively requests an evidentiary hearing, but has provided no declaration in
 3 support of his Miranda claim. Under Ninth Circuit and Southern District precedent, as well as a
 4 Southern District Local Rule, a Defendant is entitled to an evidentiary hearing on a motion to suppress
 5 only when the Defendant adduces specific facts sufficient to require the granting of Defendant's motion.
 6 United States v. Batiste, 868 F.2d 1089, 1093 (9th Cir. 1989) (where "defendant, in his motion to
 7 suppress, failed to dispute any material fact in the government's proffer, the district court was not
 8 required to hold an evidentiary hearing"); United States v. Moran-Garcia, 783 F. Supp. 1266, 1274 (S.D.
 9 Cal. 1991) (boilerplate motion containing indefinite and unsworn allegations was insufficient to require
 10 evidentiary hearing on defendant's motion to suppress statements); Crim. L.R. 47.1.

11 Requiring a declaration from a defendant in no way compromises defendant's constitutional
 12 rights, as declarations in support of a motion to suppress cannot be used by the government at trial over
 13 a defendant's objection. Batiste, 868 F.2d at 1092 (proper to require declaration in support of Fourth
 14 Amendment motion to suppress); Moran-Garcia, 783 F. Supp. at 1271-74 (extending Batiste to Fifth
 15 Amendment motion to suppress).

16 Nor is it reasonable to object that a defendant will have less information that the government,
 17 and so should not be required to provide proof to support a motion. Batiste, 868 F.2d at 1092. At least
 18 in the context of motions to suppress statements, which require police misconduct incurred by defendant
 19 while in custody, defendant certainly should be able to provide the facts supporting the claim of
 20 misconduct.

21 The objection that 18 U.S.C. § 3501 requires an evidentiary hearing in every case is of no merit.
 22 Section 3501 requires only that the Court make a pretrial determination of voluntariness "out of the
 23 presence of the jury." Nothing in section 3501 betrays any Congressional intent to alter the longstanding
 24 rule vesting the form of proof on matters for the court in the discretion of the court. Batiste, 868 F.2d
 25 at 1092 ("Whether an evidentiary hearing is appropriate rests in the reasoned discretion of the district
 26 court.") (citation and quotation marks omitted).

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1 3. The Government Has Adequate Proof to Support Rejection of a Motion to Suppress.

2 The Ninth Circuit has expressly stated that a government proffer based on the statement of facts
3 attached to the complaint is alone adequate to defeat a motion to suppress where the defense fails to
4 adduce specific and material facts. Batiste, 868 F.2d at 1092. As the Defendant in this case has failed
5 to provide a declaration alleging specific and material facts, the Court would be within its discretion to
6 deny Defendant's motion based solely on the statement of facts attached to the complaint in this case,
7 without any further showing by the Government.

8 In this case, the Government has attached to this motion the Statement of Probable Cause that
9 accompanied the complaint. See Exhibit A. This document, though hearsay, may be considered by the
10 Court in making pretrial rulings, Fed. R. Evid. 1101. As explained above, the facts of this case are
11 sufficient to show at this stage that there is no legitimate issue as to Miranda.

12 **IV**

13 **CONCLUSION**

14 For the foregoing reasons, the Government respectfully requests that this Court deny Defendant's
15 motions except where unopposed.

16 DATED: June 24, 2008

17 Respectfully Submitted,

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20 United States Attorney

21 /s/ Steven De Salvo

22 STEVEN DE SALVO
23 Assistant U.S. Attorney

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Criminal Case No. 08CR1281-W
Plaintiff,)
v.) CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
ARMANDO ARAMBURO-URIBE,)
Defendant.)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

I, STEVEN DE SALVO, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen years of age.
My business address is 880 Front Street, Room 6293, San Diego, California 92101-8893.

I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of the GOVERNMENT'S
RESPONSE AND OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS on the following parties by
electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the District Court using its ECF System, which
electronically notifies them.

Elizabeth Barros

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 24, 2008.

s/ Steven De Salvo

STEVEN DE SALVO